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Turner for CIA

Adm. Stansfield Turner, President Carter's second choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency, is likely to win easy Senate approval.

The 53-year-old commander of NATO forces in Southern Europe finished first in Mr. Carter's 1946 class at the United States Naval Academy.

Unlike Theodore C. Sorensen, whom the President earlier nominated for the CIA post, Turner has a technical background in areas related to intelligence and has not spent his life in politics.

Turner's background includes serving as the president of the Naval War College, where he made major revisions of the cur-

riculum. He has had his current assignment since September, 1975.

As CIA director, Turner would retain his military commission.

Initial reaction to the choice of Turner has been favorable. Mr. Carter probably made the selection with that in mind, not wanting a repeat of the Sorensen controversy.

One of Turner's tasks as head of the CIA will be to shake up the agency, which has been beset by scandals resulting in several investigations.

He apparently is equipped intellectually and by background for the task. Unless facts not now known are uncovered during the confirmation process, Turner should be approved.